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1. DUE HEALTH PROBLEM DR. FONLON OBLIGED CANCEL PROPOSED TRIP AND WITHDRAW FROM VISITING PROFESSORSHIP AT ATLANTA UNIVERSITY.

2. EMBASSY EXPRESSED TO FONLON SINCERE REGRETS REGARDING STATE OF HIS HEALTH AND WISHED HIM RAPID RECOVERY. FONLOF HAD LONG LOOKED FORWARD TO TEACHING AT ATLANTA AND WAS DEEPLY DISTRESSED HAVING CANCEL. HE APOLOGIZED FOR INCOVENIENCES TO ALL CONCERNED. EMBASSY REASSURED FONLON THAT STATE OF HEALTH SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ABOVE ALL ELSE AND THAT WE CONVINCED EVERYONE WILL JUDGE THIS WISEST AND ONLY POSSIBLE DECISION GIVEN CIRCUMSTANCES.

3. EMBASSY BELIEVES FONLON HAD BEEN EXCELLENT CHOICE AND PHELPS-STOKES AND ATLANTA SHOULD BE CONGRATULATED ON FONLON S ORIGINAL ACCEPTANCE. EMBASSY TOLD FONLON IT HOPES THAT WHEN HE HAS FULLY RECOVERED WE CAN RESUME DISCUSSIONS ABOUT HIS AVAILABILITY FOR THIS OR SIMILAR PROJECT. EMBASSY RECOMENDS PHELPS-STOKES KEEP FONLON IN MIND FOR FUTURE WHEN HEALTH RESTORED AND THAT IN MEANTIME IT WRITE HIM LETTER ACKNOWLEDGING WITHDRAWAL AND ADVISING HIM IF INDEED THERE MAY BE FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIM IN LECTURE SERIES.

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